

### L.6.1 TECHNICAL PROPOSALS

The technical proposal must address all the elements in Section C, Statement of Need. The technical proposal will be used to evaluate an Offerors' ability to provide and perform the requirements detailed in Section C. Offerors should bear in mind that Risk will be assessed for all elements of the technical proposal.

The technical proposal must be organized with sections tabbed and arranged as described in L.6.1.1. The arrangement will follow the elements of Section C for the most part. The technical proposal, at the least, should describe the Offeror's response to the requirements contained in Section C. The technical proposal should include additional information the Offeror believes will more completely describe their ability to meet NOAA's needs.

The technical proposal must be prepared using the Times New Roman font in 12 point size for all text portions. It must be formatted to print double-sided on 8.5" by 11" paper with 1" margins on all sides. Page numbers must be printed in the bottom margin, centered, in the format "section - page", where section is the Section C section number, and page begins at 1 for each section. The requested hardcopies must be bound.

The technical proposal must use October 1, 2005, as the start of the R&D HPCS system life. Upgrades must be specified as "month/year. The acceptance test for each upgrade starts on the first day of the specified month.

The technical proposal must not exceed 100 pages in length (50 sheets of paper when printed double sided). The final revision of the technical proposal must be provided as a complete document, not as change pages. In addition, a change document must be provided in which all deleted text is marked with a "strikeout" (i.e., ~~strikeout~~) and added or modified text is yellow color-highlighted (i.e., yellow-color highlighted).

The technical proposal organization is provided below. Instructions are provided and Section C text has been paraphrased for the sake of brevity. Offerors must refer to Section C for the full text.

#### L.6.1.1 Technical Proposal Organization

#### **TAB 1 PROCUREMENT OBJECTIVES**

Demonstrate your understanding of NOAA's new approach for managing its HPC resources based on its functional requirements as described in C.1.